## SKADDEN, ARPS, SLATE, MEAGHER & FLOM LLP

FOUR TIMES SQUARE

NEW YORK 10036-6522

TEL: (212) 735-3000 705 107 31 A 9 30 

May 25, 2005

FIRM/AFFILIATE OFFICES BOSTON CHICAGO HOUSTON LOS ANGELES NEWARK PALO ALTO SAN FRANCISCO WASHINGTON, D.C. WILMINGTON BEIJING BRUSSELS FRANKFURT

HONG KONG LONDON MOSCOW PARIS SINGAPORE TOKYO TORONTO VIENNA

Securities and Exchange Commission Office of International Corporate Finance 100 F Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20549

Attention: Mary Cascio

RE:

Wolters Kluwer N.V.: Information Furnished Pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) Under the Securities Exchange Act

of 1934 File No. 82-2683

Dear Ms. Cascio:

DIRECT DIAL

212-735-2588 DIRECT FAX

917-777-2588

EMAIL ADDRESS

RCHILSTR@SKADDEN.

On behalf of Wolters Kluwer N.V. (the "Company"), and in connection with the Company's exemption pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), please find attached a copy of the press release issued by the Company on May 25, 2005.

This information is being furnished under paragraph (b)(1)(i) of Rule 12g3-2 under the Exchange Act with the understanding that such information and documents will not be deemed "filed" with the Commission or otherwise subject to the liabilities of Section 18 of the Exchange Act.

Please call the undersigned at 212-735-2588 or Maarten Thompson of the Company at 31-(0)20-7 70 400 if you have any questions regarding the enclosures.

Robert M. Chilstrom

cc:

Maarten Thompson Scott Ziegler

Shoppe

Robert M. Chilsten / com/

### PRESS RELEASE

# Wolters Kluwer successfully completes acquisition of De Agostini Professionale and Utet Professionale in Italy

Amsterdam (May 25, 2005) - Wolters Kluwer Legal, Tax & Regulatory Europe today announced the completion of the acquisition of De Agostini Professionale and Utet Professionale in Italy. De Agostini Professionale and Utet Professionale, with total revenues of approximately €70 million, will further strengthen Wolters Kluwer's position in the Italian information market.

Wolters Kluwer reached an agreement on the acquisition of De Agostini Professionale and Utet Professionale in January 2005. This agreement now has been completed, following review and approval by antitrust authorities.

De Agostini Professionale and Utet Professionale are leading publishing companies with total revenues of approximately €70 million and 160 employees, and enjoy an excellent reputation in the legal, tax, and business markets with well established brands as De Agostini Professionale, Utet Professionale, ETI, and Leggi d'Italia.

"The acquisition of De Agostini Professionale and Utet Professionale creates many opportunities for Wolters Kluwer to expand into new market segments of professional publishing, such as public administration in Italy", says Rolv Eide, CEO Wolters Kluwer Legal, Tax & Regulatory Europe.

#### **About Wolters Kluwer**

Wolters Kluwer Legal, Tax & Regulatory Europe, a division of Wolters Kluwer, focuses on the growth potential of six customer segments: legal; fiscal/financial; human resources; public & government administration; health, safety & environment (HSE); and transport. With a well-established presence in over 15 countries, Wolters Kluwer Legal, Tax & Regulatory Europe has annual revenues (2004) of €1.296 million and employs approximately 8,000 people. Wolters Kluwer has annual revenues (2004) of €3.3 billion, employs approximately 18,400 people worldwide and maintains operations across Europe, North America, and Asia Pacific.

#### <u>Media</u>

Yvette van Braam Morris Communications Manager Wolters Kluwer Legal, Tax & Regulatory Europe t + 31 (0)20 6070 338 press@wolterskluwer.com

# Investors/Analysts Oya Yavuz Vice President, Investor Relations Wolters Kluwer nv

t + 31 (0)20 6070 407 ir@wolterskluwer.com

www.wolterskluwer.com/www.ipsoa.it/www.deagostini.it